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Consumer Price Index
March 2006

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Month	CPI	Annual Rate of Inflation	
Whitehorse			
Mar. '06	124.5	1.9%	*(Mar. '05 to Mar. '06)*
Feb. '06	124.6	2.6%	*(Feb. '05 to Feb. '06)*
Mar. '05	122.2	1.9%	*(Mar. '04 to Mar. '05)*
Canada			
Mar. '06	129.3	2.2%	*(Mar. '05 to Mar. '06)*
Feb. '06	128.6	2.2%	*(Feb. '05 to Feb. '06)*
Mar. '05	126.5	2.3%	*(Mar. '04 to Mar. '05)*

Comparing March 2006 with March 2005, the **annual** rate of inflation in Whitehorse (1.9%) was 0.3% lower than the **annual** rate of inflation in Canada (2.2%). In February 2006, the rate of inflation in Whitehorse (2.6%) was 0.4% higher than the rate for Canada. In March 2005, the rate of inflation in Whitehorse (1.9%) was 0.4% lower than Canada's rate of 2.3%.

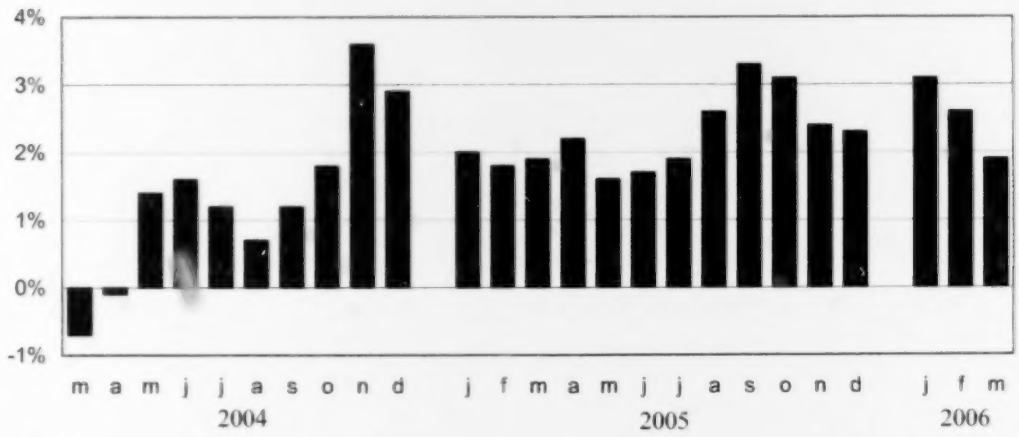
On a **monthly** basis, in Whitehorse (figures for the Yukon are not available) overall prices decreased 0.1% from February 2006 to March 2006. Major decreases were seen in the following CPI commodities:

- gasoline;
- fuel oil and other fuels;
- fresh vegetables.

Some of the major increases offsetting **monthly** decreases were:

- footwear;
- non-alcoholic beverages;
- automotive vehicle insurance premiums.

Whitehorse's Inflation Rate



Each bar represents a month of the year, with the first letter of the month's name listed below the bar.

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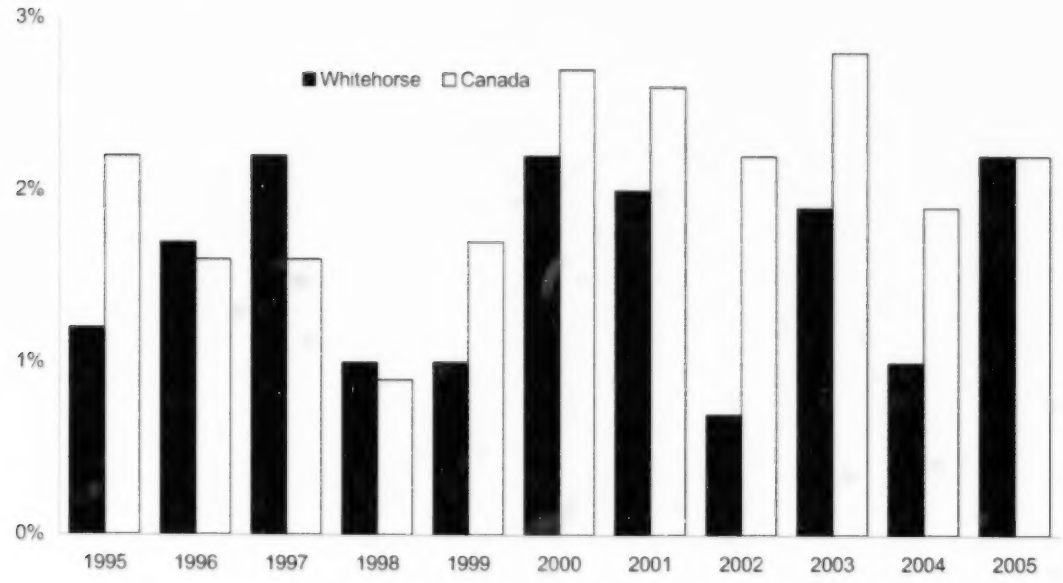
Whitehorse (1992 = 100)			Canada (1992 = 100)		
Year	All-Items Index	% Change From Previous Year	Year	All-Items Index	% Change From Previous Year
2005	123.8	2.2	2005	127.3	2.2
2004	121.1	1.0	2004	124.6	1.9
2003	119.9	1.9	2003	122.3	2.8
2002	117.7	0.7	2002	119.0	2.2
2001	116.9	2.0	2001	116.4	2.6
2000	114.6	2.2	2000	113.5	2.7
1999	112.1	1.0	1999	110.5	1.7
1998	111.0	1.0	1998	108.6	0.9
1997	109.9	2.2	1997	107.6	1.6
1996	107.5	1.7	1996	105.9	1.6
1995	105.7	1.2	1995	104.2	2.2

3 The Annual Average Rate of Inflation in Whitehorse vs. Canada



Index for Whitehorse 2004/'05

Month	2004	2005	% Change
Jan.	118.9	121.3	2.0
Feb.	119.3	121.5	1.8
March	119.9	122.2	1.9
April	120.2	122.9	2.2
May	121.5	123.4	1.6
June	121.8	123.9	1.7
July	121.8	124.1	1.9
Aug.	121.3	124.4	2.6
Sept.	121.6	125.6	3.3
Oct.	121.8	125.6	3.1
Nov.	123.1	126.0	2.4
Dec.	122.3	125.1	2.3
Year Average	**121.1**	**123.8**	**2.2**

Index for Canada 2004/'05

Month	2004	2005	% Change
Jan.	122.9	125.3	2.0
Feb.	123.2	125.8	2.1
March	123.6	126.5	2.3
April	123.9	126.9	2.4
May	125.0	127.0	1.6
June	125.1	127.2	1.7
July	125.0	127.5	2.0
Aug.	124.8	128.0	2.6
Sept.	124.9	129.1	3.4
Oct.	125.2	128.5	2.6
Nov.	125.7	128.2	2.0
Dec.	125.4	128.1	2.2
Year Average	**124.6**	**127.3**	**2.2**

Index for Whitehorse 2005/'06

Month	2005	2006	% Change
Jan.	121.3	125.1	3.1
Feb.	121.5	124.6	2.6
March	**122.2**	**124.5**	**1.9**
April	122.9	-	-
May	123.4	-	-
June	123.9	-	-
July	124.1	-	-
Aug.	124.4	-	-
Sept.	125.6	-	-
Oct.	125.6	-	-
Nov.	126.0	-	-
Dec.	125.1	-	-
Year Average	**123.8**	**-**	**-**

Index for Canada 2005/'06

Month	2005	2006	% Change
Jan.	125.3	128.8	2.8
Feb.	125.8	128.6	2.2
March	**126.5**	**129.3**	**2.2**
April	126.9	-	-
May	127.0	-	-
June	127.2	-	-
July	127.5	-	-
Aug.	128.0	-	-
Sept.	129.1	-	-
Oct.	128.5	-	-
Nov.	128.2	-	-
Dec.	128.1	-	-
Year Average	**127.3**	**-**	**-**

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	Mar. '06	Feb. '06	% change Feb. '06 to Mar. '06	Mar. '05	% change Mar. '05 to Mar. '06
All-Items	**124.5**	**124.6**	**-0.1**	**122.2**	**1.9**
Food	125.5	124.8	0.6	123.0	2.0
Shelter	121.4	121.9	-0.4	117.1	3.7
Household Operations & Furnishings	108.3	108.5	-0.2	108.0	0.3
Clothing & Footwear	107.9	104.6	3.2	108.6	-0.6
Transportation	153.5	154.7	-0.8	149.5	2.7
Health & Personal Care	109.2	110.3	-1.0	107.0	2.1
Recreation, Education & Reading	110.9	110.9	0.0	111.0	-0.1
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	154.1	153.6	0.3	152.2	1.2
Special Aggregates					
Energy	168.0	173.7	-3.3	161.6	4.0
All-Items excluding Energy	120.9	120.4	0.4	119.0	1.6

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is produced on a monthly basis by Statistics Canada. The data used to determine the CPI are collected by survey and the results are released in Statistics Canada catalogue ***The Consumer Price Index***, catalogue no. 62-001. The Index is used to determine price change (inflation) in a given city or province over time. In order to calculate the inflation rate in an area, an index for two time periods is required. The percentage change in this index from one point in time to the next is known as the 'rate of inflation' (or 'rate of deflation' if there is a decrease).

The current official time base of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) is 1992 = 100.

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